

REMARKS

Entry of the foregoing election in response to the election-of-species requirement of the first Office Action, an early examination on the merits and allowance of all claims to be examined are respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

In the first Action, the Examiner has required Applicant to elect among the following identified species-of-invention for prosecution in the current application in the event that no generic claim is ultimately allowed:

Species “A”: FIGS. 1 – 14 and 18; and,

Species “B”: FIGS. 15 – 17

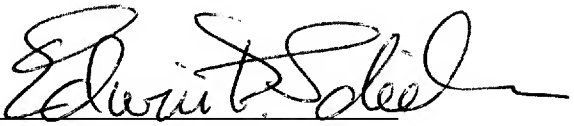
At this time, the Examiner has indicated that none of the claims are considered generic, *however*, in the first Office Action the Examiner has suggested that Claims 11 and 12 are, in fact, readable upon both Species “A” and “B.” It is therefore suggested by Applicant that, in fact, Claims 11 and 12 are generic to both species-of-invention identified by the Examiner.

Applicant has elected Species “A,” represented by FIGS. 1 – 14 and 18 of which Claims 11-14 and 17-21 are readable upon the elected species-of-invention.

In view of the instant election, an early examination on the merits on the claims reciting the elected species-of-invention is respectfully requested and earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the Deposit Account of Applicant's Attorney, Account No. 19-0450, for any fees which may be due in connection with the prosecution of the above-identified patent application, but which have not otherwise been provided for.